CALIFORNIA STATE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING 801 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California

<u>Public Session Location</u> - Room 150 Closed Session Location - Room 141

MID-MONTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

PUBLIC SESSION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

1. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Florence Bos, President William Elkins, Member Sean Harrigan, Member

2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Walter Vaughn

The Board was advised of the following:

- A. The Executive Officer addressed the Asian Pacific Islander Association at their annual conference concerning diversity and affirmative action programs in state service.
- B. Staff will be developing promotional material for the Board's Mediation Program.
- C. A settlement has been reached in the Kidd/Swiden lawsuit.
- 3. REPORT OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL Elise Rose

The Chief Counsel reported on:

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Litigation

- A. Connerly v. State Personnel Board On September 15, 1999, the California Supreme Court denied the petition to transfer the case from the court of appeal to the Supreme Court.
- B. <u>Kidd/Swiden v. State Personnel Board</u> Settlement Conference took place on September 17, 1999. Outcome to be discussed in closed session, per agenda.
- C. Association of California State Attorneys and Administrative Law Judges v. Department of Personnel Administration, et al. Further oral argument scheduled for September 24, 1999.
- D. Codiroli v. State Personnel Board, et al. On September 16, 1999, the Superior Court denied a petition for writ of mandate filed by the Professional Engineers in California government challenging the Managerial Selections and Classification Consolidation and Broadbanding Demonstration Project proposed by the State Personnel Board and the Department of Personnel Administration as violating the California Constitution. The project provided for the consolidation of 326 managerial classes into 13 broadband classes and allowed for a selection and examination process similar in some respects to that used for Career Executive Assignment positions. The project has not yet been implemented and is under ongoing review.

Other

- A. Seminar on State Employee Mediation Program is scheduled for this Wednesday, September 22, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- B. Received a letter from the Public Employee's Retirement System requesting our participation on a task force to study medical issues and the inconsistencies in the laws that govern the rights and obligations of the employer and employee when an employee can no longer perform his or her duties based on a medical condition.
- C. Received a preliminary determination from the Commission on State Mandates regarding the test claim on whether the Public Safety Officer Procedural Bill of Rights created a reimbursable state mandate. That

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determination will be discussed at the commission's next meeting on September 30, 1999.

4. REPORT ON LEGISLATION - Judy Balmain

The Board was advised of the following:

- A. All Governor requests for Enrolled Bill Reports have been completed.
- B. The Governor signed AB 1234 (Shelly) Chapter 393 requires notice of meetings be placed on the Internet and include notice of the Internet site in any written notice. The Board is currently complying with this requirement.
- C. October 10, 1999 is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto legislation.

BOARD ACTIONS

5. STATE PERSONNEL BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8-9, 1999

ACTION: Adopted on September 21, 1999. VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan - Aye

6. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CASES

On September 21, 1999, the Board adopted the following decisions presented by Elise Rose, Chief Counsel, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan - Aye.

PROPOSED DECISIONS

MARY LOYCHE, CASE NO. 99-1875

Appeal from 5 percent reduction in Salary for 4 months Department of Corrections

ACTION: Reduction in Salary Revoked

BYRAN W. DUCAN, CASE NO. 99-1315

Appeal from 10 working days suspension

Department of California Highway Patrol

ACTION: Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision

rejected by Board. Board to decide case itself

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ERNEST LEON, CASE NO. 99-1078 Appeal from dismissal Department of Corrections ACTION: Dismissal Sustained

JENNIE R. AGUILAR, CASE NO. 99-2772 Appeal from 3 working days suspension Department of Corrections ACTION: Suspension Sustained

STEVEN A. COMER, CASE NO. 99-2491 Appeal from dismissal Department of Corrections ACTION: Dismissal Modified to Demotion

MARY L. CRUMBIE, CASE NO. 99-2525 Appeal from dismissal Department of fish and Game ACTION: Dismissal Revoked

VICTOR MONTANEZ, CASE NO. 99-1350 Appeal from 2-step reduction in Salary for 12 pay periods California Trade and Commerce Agency ACTION: Reduction in Salary Sustained

WILLIAM S. DEMUSEY, CASE NO. 99-1308

Appeal from 5 percent reduction in Salary for 6 pay periods

Department of the Youth Authority

ACTION: Reduction in Salary Revoked

TERESA J. JIMENEZ, CASE NO. 98-4062

Appeal from 10 working days suspension

Department of California Highway Patrol

ACTION: Suspension Modified to 5 Working Days Suspension

Laurel 'JIM' EASON, CASE NO. 99-0341
Appeal from demotion
Department of Transportation
ACTION: Demotion Modified to Temporary Demotion for 6
Months

BRIAN RAU, CASE NO. 99-0340
Appeal from rejection
Department of Corrections
ACTION: Rejection Affirmed and Appeal Denied

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ARTHUR SAKAMOTO, M.D., CASE NO. 98-4481 Appeal from dismissal Department of Corrections ACTION: Dismissal Sustained

ANTONIO SANCHEZ, CASE NO. 98-1599 Appeal from dismissal Department of Health Services ACTION: Dismissal Sustained

BARBARA TITUS, CASE NO. 98-4583
Discrimination Complaint
Department of Transportation
ACTION: Discrimination Complaint Denied

FRED RHODES, CASE NO. 98-3502 Appeal from rejection Department of Motor Vehicles ACTION: Rejection Affirmed and Appeal Denied

SUZANNA RIVAS, CASE NO. 99-1235 Appeal from 5 percent reduction in Salary for 6 months Department of Corrections ACTION: Reduction in Salary Revoked

MIKE CAZARES, CASE NO. 98-0998
Appeal from dismissal
Department of the Youth Authority
ACTION: Dismissal Modified to 4 Month Suspension

VINCENT TELA, CASE NO. 98-3871 Appeal from 6 months suspension Department of Corrections ACTION: Suspension Sustained

JUDY LONGO, CASE NO. 99-1384

Appeal from 60 Calendar day suspension

Department of Corrections

ACTION: Board adopted Findings of Fact, but Modified 60

Calendar Day Suspension to Official Reprimand

CELIA BECERRIL, CASE NO. 99-0006
Appeal from demotion
California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board
ACTION: Demotion Sustained

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MELODIE HILLS, CASE NO. 99-1541
Appeal from rejection
Department of Transportation
ACTION: Rejection Affirmed and Appeal Denied

JOSEPH GRINDSTAFF, CASE NO. 99-0450 Appeal from dismissal Department of Motor Vehicles ACTION: Dismissal Sustained

DANIEL CLOVER, CASE NO. 99-1550 Appeal from dismissal Department of Developmental ACTION: Dismissal Sustained

SYLVIA C. SOLIS, CASE NO. 99-0574 Appeal from medical termination Department of Motor Vehicles ACTION: Appeal Denied

KYLE POPOY, CASE NO. 99-3096
Appeal from official reprimand
Department of Corrections
ACTION: Official Reprimand Sustained

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

HARRY C. BARRETT, CASE NO. 98-5069

Appeal from 5 percent reduction in Salary for 6 months

Department of Transportation

ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant denied

SHARON BRYANT, CASE NO. 98-1381
Appeal from 180 working days suspension
Department of Corrections
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant denied

GARY CORNWELL, CASE NO. 98-5204
Appeal from 10 working days suspension
Department of California Highway Patrol
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Respondent denied

RANDY DeSHAZIER, CASE NO. 98-2650
Appeal from dismissal
Department of Corrections
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant denied

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JANET G. HOUCHENS, CASE NO. 99-0891

Appeal from 5 percent reduction in Salary for 1 months

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant granted

WILLIAM A. JONES, III, CASE NO. 98-4069
Appeal from official reprimand
Department of the Youth Authority
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant granted

ARTHUR MUNOZ, CASE NO. 99-1404
Appeal from 45-calendar days suspension
Department of Corrections
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Respondent denied

LORRAINE ZEPEDA, CASE NO. 98-4119
Appeal from denial of request for reasonable accommodation
Employment Development Department
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Respondent granted

ROBERT E. CLAYTON, CASE NO. 98-2486
Appeal from dismissal
Department of Social Services
ACTION: Petition for rehearing filed by Appellant denied

- 7. RESOLUTION RE NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 18671.1 EXTENSION. (See Pages 17-20)
- 8. MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS DIVISION CASES
 (Discrimination Complaints, Withholds, Voided Appointments, Rule 211 Appeals, Petitions for Rehearing)
 On September 21, 1999, the Board adopted the following decisions presented by Linda Brooks, Assistant Executive Officer, California State Personnel Board.
 VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan Aye.

PETITION FOR REHEARING

A. MINNIE OLA DIXON, Case No. 99-2971 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED

WITHHOLD DENIAL CASES

B. DENNIS ABERNATHY, Case No. 99-2996
Classification: Hospital Peace Officer 1
ACTION: DENIED

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- C. SUSAN K. AGUILAR, Case No. 99-2616 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- D. JULIE ANDERSON, Case No. 99-2766 Classification: Youth Counselor ACTION: DENIED
- E. PETERKIN A. ANYANWU; Case No. 99-1379 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- F. JOSE E. ARRELLANO, Case No. 99-2633 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- G. SABRINA L. AUBLE, Case No. 99-2520 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- H. PETER N. AYE, Case No. 98-3984 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- I. CHAD RICHARD BARBERIS, Case No. 99-2188 Classification: Motor Vehicle Field Representative ACTION: DENIED
- J. JOHNNIE LAMONT BARNES, Case No. 99-2632
 Classification: Correctional Officer
 ACTION: DENIED
- K. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BERGERON, Case No. 99-1722 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- L. BERNITA S. BORGES, Case No. 99-2997 Classification: Deputy Commissioner ACTION: DENIED
- M. RICHARD CHARLES BROWN, Case No. 99-2620 Classification: Medical Technical Assistant ACTION: DENIED
- N. ADAM BURAS, Case No. 99-0151 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED

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- O. CHRISTOPHER T. CARNEY, Case No. 99-2508 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- P. GUALBERTO CASTRO; Case No. 99-1447 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- Q. LaDUANA N. CEASAR; Case No. 99-1079 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- R. JOHN E. COX; Case No. 99-0827 Classification: Conservationist I ACTION: DENIED
- S. FRANCISCO J. DELEON; Case No. 99-0125 Classification: Cadet, California Highway Patrol ACTION: DENIED
- T. ANDREW A. ELLIS, Case No. 99-1656 Classification: Cadet, California Highway Patrol ACTION: DENIED
- U. BOBBIE FLOYD; Case No. 99-0603 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- V. BRIAN M. GAVIOLA, Case No. 99-2190 Classification: Cadet, California Highway Patrol ACTION: DENIED
- W. YOLANDA MARIE GRIFFITH, Case No. 99-2518 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- X. ROBERT HERMANN, Case No. 99-1288 Classification: Hospital Peace Officer 1 ACTION: DENIED
- Y. ROBERT A. HILBURN, Case No. 99-2517 Classification: Associate Information Systems Analyst ACTION: DENIED
- Z. NIKKO E. JAYO; Case No. 99-1089 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED

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- AA. AMANDA EAGLES-JONES, Case No. 99-0129 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- BB. WAYNE E. LAVENDER; Case No. 99-1445 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- CC. MICHAEL J. LAYFIELD Case No. 99-2513 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- DD. DAVID LOPEZ, Case No. 98-4681 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- EE. LOREN MAMER; Case No. 99-1296 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- FF. MICHAEL GLENN MCMAHON, Case No. 99-2634 Classification: Hospital Peace Officer 1 ACTION: DENIED
- GG. WALTER MOODY, Case No. 99-2449
 Classification: Motor Vehicle field Representative ACTION: DENIED
- HH. STEVE A. MOORE, Case No. 99-2192 Classification: Cadet, California Highway Patrol ACTION: DENIED
- II. SYLVESTER MOORE Case No. 99-2688
 Classification: Hospital Peace Officer I
 ACTION: DENIED
- JJ. MATTHEW MOSSMAN, Case No. 99-2621 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- KK. DANIEL MOUNT, JR., Case No. 99-2512
 Classification: Correctional Officer
 ACTION: DENIED
- LL. RANDY DUNCAN NESTER, Case No. 99-2515 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED

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- MM. LEE POLZIEN; Case No. 99-1345 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- NN. SHERYCE PURDUE, Case No. 99-1098 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- OO. ELIZABETH M. RIVERA; Case No. 99-1328
 Classification: Licensing-Registration Examiner
 ACTION: DENIED
- PP. CRAIG R. RUSSELL, Case No. 99-1112
 Classification: Correctional Officer
 ACTION: DENIED
- QQ. MICHAEL RAYMOND SCHEETS, Case No. 99-2635 Classification: Hospital Peace Officer I ACTION: DENIED
- RR. BRETT M. STANFIED, Case No. 99-2636 Classification: Hospital Peace Officer I ACTION: DENIED
- SS. JAMIE BLAKE SWIDECKI, Case No. 99-2521 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- TT. LEE J. TASSIO; Case No. 99-1373 Classification: Cadet, California Highway Patrol ACTION: DENIED
- UU. MARIUS F. VASILE, Case No. 99-2519
 Classification: Commercial Vehicle Inspection
 Specialist
 ACTION: DENIED
- VV. TABITHA B. WALLACE; Case No. 99-1113 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: DENIED
- WW. REGINA WILLIAMS, Case No. 99-2729
 Classification: Psychiatric Technician
 ACTION: DENIED

9. MEDICAL APPEALS

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On September 21, 1999, the Board adopted the following decisions presented by Linda Brooks, Assistant Executive Officer, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan - Aye.

- A. JOSEPH MESTRES, Case No. 99-0299
 Classification: Correctional Officer
 ACTION: GRANTED
- B. KRYSTAL SOTO, Case No. 98-5098 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: GRANTED
- C. CALVIN GUIDRY, Case No.99-0332
 Classification: Youth Correctional Officer
 ACTION: DENIED
- D. GENEVA BENNETT, Case No. 99-2880 Classification: Correctional Officer ACTION: GRANTED
- E. ISMAEL CISNEROS, Case No. 99-2938 Classification: Youth Correctional Officer ACTION: GRANTED
- 10. MERIT ISSUE COMPLAINT APPEALS
 On September 21, 1999, the Board adopted the following decisions presented by Linda Brooks, Assistant Executive Officer, California State Personnel Board.
 VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan Aye.
 - A. DORI VALLONE Case No. 98-4805
 Classification: Associate Caltrans Administrator
 (Specialist)
 ACTION: DENIED
- 11. REQUEST TO FILE CHARGES CASES
 On September 21, 1999, the Board took the following actions presented by Linda Brooks, Assistant Executive Officer, California State Personnel Board.

 VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan Aye.
 - A. PETITIONER: Orr Allen Kellog, Case No. 98-4823, a former employee of the California Department of corrections.

 ACTION: DENIED

12. NON-HEARING CALENDAR

On September 21, 1999, the Board adopted items A-B. These items were presented by Walter Vaughn, Executive Officer, California State Personnel Board.

VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan - Aye.

- A. SENIOR AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN
 AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN
 The Department of Food and Agriculture proposes
 establishment of a new classification of Senior
 Agricultural Biological Technician; revisions to the
 Agricultural Biological Technician classification; and
 the combining of the two classes into one class series.
- B. PROGRAM TECHNICIAN SERIES
 SUPERVISING PROGRAM TECHNICIAN SERIES
 The Department of Personnel Administration proposes
 revisions to the Program Technician series specification
 and Supervising Program Technician series specification
 including the minimum qualifications and knowledge and
 abilities.

13. CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT (CEA) CATEGORY ACTIVITY

- A. CEA POSITION ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION
 - (1) ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR ENFORCEMENT
 The California Environmental Protection Agency
 proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA
 category. The Department indicates that this
 position will report to the Secretary and the
 Deputy Secretary for Law Enforcement and Counsel
 and will develop a program to ensure that the
 boards, departments, offices and other agencies
 that implement laws or regulations within the
 jurisdiction of the California Environmental
 Protection Agency take consistent, effective and
 coordinated compliance and enforcement actions to
 protect public health and the environment.
 - (2) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MISSION SUPORT BRANCH
 The Department of Justice proposes to allocate the
 above position to the CEA category. The
 Department indicates that this position will
 report to the Director/Deputy Director of the
 Division of Law Enforcement and will be

responsible for realigning and unifying all program support services currently provided by program specific administrative units within each bureau into one office within the Division of Law Enforcement.

- (3) DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, VETERANS HOME, CHULA VISTA The Department of Veterans Affairs proposes to allocate the above position to the CEA category. The Department indicates that this position will report to the Administrator of the Chula Vista Veterans Home and will have full management responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the home's 24-hour medical care and program and support services.
- (4) ASSISTANT CIVIL RIGHTS DIRECTOR
 The Department of Transportation proposes to
 allocate the above position to the CEA category.
 The Department indicates that this position will
 report to the Civil Rights Director and will
 provide administrative direction to both Business
 Enterprise and Caltrans Equal Employment
 Opportunity Programs.
- B. CEA POSITION ACTIONS APPROVED BY DPA AND APPROVED OR DENIED BY SPB MANAGEMENT
 - (1) CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

 The California Children and Families First
 Commission's proposed CEA position has been approved.
 - (2) DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FIREARMS
 The Department of Justice's proposed CEA position has been approved.
 - (3) DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND MARKETING BRANCH
 The Health and Welfare Data Center's proposed CEA position has been disapproved.
 - (4) CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD
 The Department of Consumer Affairs proposed CEA position has been disapproved.

ACTION: Noted

ADJOURNMENT

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SUBMITTED

1. ETHEL WARREN, CASE NO. 98-2130. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Corrections. (Oral argument held June 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

2. JOSEPH P. CARLSON, CASE NO. 98-3904. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Mental Health. (Oral argument held July 7, 1999.)

NO ACTION

3. RALPH REY, CASE NO. 98-2752. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Mental Health. (Oral argument held August 3, 1999.)

NO ACTION

4. MICHAEL JACKSON, CASE NO. 98-1818. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Youth Authority. (Oral argument held August 3, 1999.)

NO ACTION

5. MICHAEL CARL, CASE NO. 98-4549. Appeal from 4 days suspension. Department of Corrections. (Oral argument held August 3, 1999.)

NO ACTION

6. GREGORY PAPPAS, CASE NO. 98-1361. Appeal from dismissal. Department of California Highway Patrol. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

7. JOHN W. CONES, CASE NO. 98-3003. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Corrections. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

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8. PAMELA A. KING, CASE NO. 98-1586. Appeal from dismissal. Department of the Youth Authority. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

9. TERRY KNOX, CASE NO. 98-2862. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Corrections. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

10. PAUL CRUZ, CASE NO. 98-2663. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Corrections. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

11. JOHN D. YOUNG, CASE NO. 98-3996. Appeal from dismissal. Department of Industrial Relations. (Oral argument held September 8, 1999.)

NO ACTION

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 18671.1 RESOLUTION

Since Government Code section 18671.1 requires that cases pending before State Personnel Board Administrative Law Judges (ALJ's) be completed within six months or no later than 90 days after submission of a case, whichever is first, absent the publication of substantial reasons for needing an additional forty-five days, the Board hereby publishes its substantial reasons for the need for the forty-five day extension for some of the cases now pending before it for decision.

An additional forty-five days may be required in cases that require multiple days of hearings, that have been delayed by unusual circumstances, or that involve any delay generated by either party (including, but not limited to, submission of written briefs, requests for settlement conferences, continuances, discovery disputes, pre-hearing motions). In such cases, six months may be inadequate for the ALJ to hear the entire case, prepare a proposed decision containing the detailed factual and legal analysis required by law, and for the State Personnel Board to review the decision and adopt, modify or reject the proposed decision within the time limitations of the statute.

Therefore, at its next meeting, the Board will issue the attached resolution extending the time limitation by 45 days for all cases that meet the above criteria, and that have been before the Board for less than 6 months as of the date of the Board meeting.

GOVERNMENT CODE § 18671.1 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 provides that, absent waiver by the appellant, the time period in which the Board must render its decision on a petition pending before it shall not exceed six months from the date the petition was filed or 90 days from the date of submission; and

WHEREAS, Section 18671.1 also provides for an extension of the time limitations by 45 additional days if the Board publishes substantial reasons for the need for the extension in its calendar prior to the conclusion of the six-month period; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda for the instant Board meeting included an item titled "Notice of Government Code § 18671.1 Resolution" which sets forth substantial reasons for utilizing that 45-day extension to extend the time to decide particular cases pending before the Board;

WHEREAS, there are currently pending before the Board cases that have required multiple days of hearing and/or that have been delayed by unusual circumstances or by acts or omissions of the parties themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the time limitations set forth in Government Code section 18671.1 are hereby extended an additional 45 days for all cases that have required multiple days of hearing or that have been delayed by acts or omissions of the parties or by unusual circumstances and that have been pending before the Board for less than six months as of the date this resolution is adopted.

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I hereby certify that the State Personnel Board made and adopted the preceding resolution at its meeting on September 21, 1999.

WALTER VAUGHN
Executive Officer
California State Personnel Board

VOTE: Bos, Elkins, Harrigan - Aye